United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit



APPENDIX

74-1378

IN THE

United States Court of Appeals for the second circuit

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Appellee,

-against-

VINCENT GUGLIARO,

Appellant.

ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

APPELLANT'S APPENDIX



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE WYATT

73 CRIM. 513

THE UNITED STATES

Attorneys for U.S.: 264-6596

vs.

John R. Wing, AUSA

VINCENT GUGLIARO

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Title 18

Sec. 1623 Perjury

SEVEN COUNTS

| <u>Date</u> | Proceedings |
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| 5-31-73 | Filed indictment - B/W ordered - Cannella, J. |
| 6-1-73 | Filed appearance bond #23060 in the sum of \$500.00 dtd. 6/1/73. |
| 6-11-73 | Deft. (Atty. present) pleads not guilty. Bail continued at \$500.00. Case assigned to Judge Wyatt. Palmieri, J. |
| 6-20-73 | Pre-Trial conference held-Trial set for Sept. 10, 1973. Wyatt, J. |
| 7-2-73 | Vincent Gugliaro. Filed notice of appearance by Evseroff, Newman & Sonnenshine, 186 Joralemon St., Brooklyn, New York 11201, UL-5-1111. |
| 8-7-73 | Filed defts. notice of motion, affdvt. and exhibits. |
| 8-7-73 | Filed defts. memo. |
| 3-21-73 | Filed Govt. memo in opposition to deft. motion to dismiss indictment. |
| 9-4-73 | Filed deft's reply memorandum to Gov't memorandum in opposition to motion to dismiss. |

| Date | Proceedings |
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| 9-4-73 | Filed memo endorsed on motion filed 8-7-73 to dismiss Motion denied in all respectsJ. Wyatt mailed notices. |
| 10-3-73 | Pre-Trial Conference held - Wyatt, J. |
| 12-13-73 | Filed deft's affdvt & notice of motion for a continuance. |
| 12-13-73 | Filed memo endorsed on motion filed this dateThe trial of this indictment having been set for January 14, 1973, the within motion is denied as moot. So Ordered-Wyatt, J. |
| 1-14-74 | Filed Gov't Pre-Trial Memorandum: Evidence of Deft's Acquittals at the "Imperial I" and "Imperial II". |
| 1-14-74 | Filed Gov't Proposed Examination of Prospective Jurors. |
| 1-12-74 | Pre-Trial conference heldWyatt, J. |
| 1-14-74 | Trial begun, with a Jury. |
| 1-15-74 | Trial cont'd. |
| 1-16-74 | Trial cont'd. |
| 1-17-74 | Trial cont'd. |
| 1-18-74 | Trial cont'd. Summations and Charge. Jury deliberating. Verdict NOT GUILTY on each of Cts. 1,2,3,5,6, &7. GUILTY on Ct.#4. Pre-sent. investigation ordered. Sentence March 1, 1974 at 2:30 pm - Room 705. Bail cont'dWyatt, J. |
| 1-21-74 | Filed Deft's Request to Charge. |
| 1-21-74 | Filed Gov't's Requests to Charge. |
| 2-15-74 | Filed deft's affdvt & notice of motion to set aside verdict. |
| 3-1-74 | Filed Memo Endorsed on Deft's Notice of Motion to set aside verdict. After hearing open Court, the within MOTION is denied. SO ORDERED Wyatt, J. (Mailed Notice). |
| 3-1-74 | Filed pltff's affdyt and memorandum in opposition to Deft's Rule 33 Motion, for a new Trial. |

Date

Proceedings

- 3-1-74
- Filed Judgment & Commitment It is adjudged that the Deft is hereby committed to the custody of the Atty General for imprisonment for a period of TWO (2) YEARS, on CT. 4, pursuant to Title 18, Section 3651, U.S. Code, on condition the Deft. be confined in a jail or treatment type institution for THREE (3) MONTHS, the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment is suspended and the Deft. is placed on Probation for a period of TWO (2) YEARS, subject to the standing probation order of this court, AND FINED \$3,000.00. Deft. is to stand committed until the fine is paid or he is otherwise discharged according to law. Fine is stayed pending appeal. Deft is cont'd on bail pending appeal -- WYATT, J.
- 3-5-74 Filed Deft's Notice of Appeal.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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VINCENT GUGLIARO,

INDICTMENT

73 Cr.

Defendant.

COUNT FOUR

The Grand Jury further charges:

- 1. On or about the 13th day of December, 1971, in the Southern District of New York, VINCENT GUGLIARO, the defendant, having duly taken an oath that he would testify truly, before a competent tribunal, to wit, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, in a case in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered, did unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, and contrary to said oath, make false material declarations which he knew to be false.
- 2. At the time and place aforesaid, said Court was conducting the trial of a criminal case entitled <u>United States of America v. Vincent Gugliaro</u>, Ronald Alpert, Bernard Weiss, <u>Michael Hellerman</u>, <u>Murray Taylor</u>, et al., Indictment No. 70 CR 967, in which indictment VINCENT GUGLIARO, the defendant, was charged with violations of the federal securities laws, the mail fraud statute and the conspiracy statute, under Title 15, United States Code, Section 78j(b) and Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 and 371.
- 3. It was material to said trial to ascertain whether the defendant VINCENT GUGLIARO had ever been in the Potpourri

restaurant in Brooklyn, New York, owned in part by Ronald Alpert and Bernard Weiss, and whether the defendant VINCENT GUGLIARO had ever seen Bernard Weiss in the rotpourri restaurant. 4. At the time and place aforesaid VINCENT GUGLIARO, the defendant, appearing as a witness in his own behalf before said Court, testified falsely under oath before said Court with respect to the aforesaid material matter as follows: Did you ever see him (Weiss) in the Potpourri restaurant? A No, sir. Q Were you ever in that restaurant, Mr. Gugliaro? A No. 5. The aforesaid testimony of the defendant VINCENT GUGLIARO, as he then and there well knew, was untrue in that the

defendant was in the Potpourri restaurant and had seen Bernard Weiss in that restaurant on more than one occasion.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1623).

Foreman

WHITNEY NORTH SEYMOUR, JR. United States Attorney

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| | gta Weiss-direct 59 |
| 2 | A Yes, we did. |
| 3 | O And would you tell us how that occurred? |
| 4 | A Ronnie said that he wasn't sure of these |
| 5 | people paying their end of the profits |
| 6 | MR. NEWMAN: Your Honor, I object to this. |
| 7 | I know that we have just started |
| 8 | I know that we have just started. May I respectfully call for a side bar, please? |
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| 16 | THE COURT: Suppose we let the jury go to |
| | lunch a little early today, Mr. Newman, and then |
| 11 | I can hear you and Miss Neiman on the questions of lav |
| 12 | that you want to raise. |
| 13 | MR. NEWMAN: Yes, sir. |
| 14 | THE COURT: I have already told the jury why |
| 15 | we discuss these questions of law out of the presence |
| 1.6 | of the jury. |
| 17 | Members of the jury, suppose that you be |
| 18 | excused until 2 o'clock Production |
| 19 | excused until 2 o'clock. By that time we may have been able to solve all these |
| 20 | able to solve all these problems of law. All right, |
| 21 | we will resume at 2 o'clock. |
| 22 | (The jury left the courtroom.) |
| , | THE COURT: Mr. Weiss, you may be excused |
| 23 | until 2 o'clock too. |
| 24 | (Witness temporarily excused.) |
| 25 | THE COURT: Mr. Newman, before we get to this |
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last point, I said I would give you a chance to make a motion out of the hearing of the jury, apparently based on something that Miss Neiman said in her opening. MR. NEWMAN:

Yes.

If your Honor please, I would respectfully ask for the withdrawal of a juror and the declaration of a mistrial based on the opening. I think despite your Honor's careful admonitions and despite the colloquy we had preceding the selection of the jury, Miss Neiman, in her opening, repeated each and every one of the elements of the Imperial trial.

Now, of course, some time has gone by since her opening, Judge, and I can't give you specific instances, but I think if you look at the minutes of that opening, Judge, it repeated each and every element of that Imperial trial, and Iknow I needn't burden your Honor with the fact that this defendant was acquitted twice of the charges involved.

Your Honor saw fit to deny my motion for collateral estoppel, but it seems to me the trial had to have some import, Judge, and, in effect, her opening just repeated Imperial despite your Honor's admonition. I feel, most respectfully, Vincent Gugliaro is on trial for the third time for the Imperial Investment manipula-

alleged to have been at that particularmeeting, and the

rectly, and if I am wrong stop me, Gugliaro is not

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Imperial Investment stock and then to compound it there is a discussion later on that night, as I understand the testimony, because Miss Neiman and the witness were both going rather rapidly, but as I understand the import of the subsequent testimony where I asked for the side bar, so to speak, to raise the legal issue is a conversation between Alpert and Weiss again concerning Imperial, and again concerning why allegedly Alpert didn't want to go into that deal.

Judge, I respectfully submit that the only basis of admissibility of such a conversation in the absence of my client would be if there were a conspiracy charge here, and that is the conspiracy charge of which he was acquitted. If collateral estoppel has any meaning, Judge, I think we are going back into a retrial, if we haven't already gone and embarked on another retrial of Imperial.

Now, if this is the format I respectfully submit that to allow this jury to sit and, if you will pardon my word, not ignorant, but in ignorance of the ultimate disposition of the charges against Mr. Gugliaro is eminently unfair and deprives him of a fair trial because we are relitigating it.

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I respectfully submit that I am being left with the only option of ignoring my client's Fifth Amendment right and put him on the stand if for no other reason than to say he has never been convicted of a crime. it flies in the face of my Fifth Amendment rights, it creates an erroneous impression, it deprives my client of getting the true facts before the jury and it leaves my client in no position to get a fair trial, Judge, and I think it is eminently, eminently unfair in the nature of the guestions that have been elicited from this witness.

THE COURT: Mr. Newman, I think you have a point in saying that we shouldn't go into all the details of the Imperial trial because we are not litigating those issues, and I wonder myself, Miss Neiman, if I really should not sustain Mr. Newman's objection to what was said by each person at this meeting where Mr. Gugliaro was not present.

For example, so far as the charges in this indictment are concerned, it does not seem to me it makes any difference what they said. You have brought out that they talked about Imperial stock. Now, beyond that I really don't see much relevance to it.

MISS NEIMAN: Your Honor, this is the first

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meeting about Imperial at which Mr. Alpert and Weiss attended and this is offered -- the government submitted a memorandum on that -- s9lely by way of background to indicate how they got involved in Imperial. From here on in, indeed, Mr. Weiss will be testifying to conversation at which Mr. Gugliaro was present, and this is done by way of background to show how it is that Mr. Cugliaro got involved and what brought him to the Imperial situation and also what brought Mr. Weiss and Mr. Alpert to the Imperial situation. This is the only meeting which the government plans to elicit by way of background facts.

THE COURT: I think you have gotten already enough background and I think as to what was said by each person at that meeting I will sustain Mr. Newman's objection.

MISS NEIMAN: Very well, your Honor, I will proceed without that.

THE COURT: Very well. We will go on. I think you got enough about this meeting and we will go on from that point when we resume at 2 o'clock.

MISS NEIMAN: Very well.

THE COURT: Miss Neiman, which is the memorandum that you submitted which has to deal or which deals with this particular point?

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The government is essentially relying on the background fact aspect of that.

THE COURT: All right. I think as to this meeting at which Gugliaro was not present we have enough background, but I will read with interest this memorandum during the luncheon recess.

MISS NEIMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Let us start in again at 2 o'clock.

er. Newman, I will let you off at 4 o'clock

MR. NEWMAN: Thank you, sir.

THE COURT: I may not be able to do it

(Luncheon recess.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION

2.00 P.M.

BERNARD WEISS, resumed.

THE COURT: Mr. Foreman and members of the jury, when we were about to take our luncheon recess Mr. Newman had objected to conversations between this witness and others not including the defendant Gugliaro at The Potpourri Restaurant about the manipulation of Imperial Investment stock.

I have concluded to sustain that objection on the ground that the details of the conversation, the defendant Gugliaro not claimed to be present, are irrelevant.

The defendant here is not being tried for steck manipulation. I have already emphasized, and while some evidence as to background of the December, 1971, trial is relevant, and svidence as to the charges at that trial serve as background, the witness had already given such background evidence, and the issue here being whether the defendant Gugliaro testified falsely at the December, 1971, trial, I have concluded to sustain this objection.

Let us go on.

MISS NEIMAN: Thank you.

DIRECT EXAMINATION CONTINUED

BY MISS NEIMAN

Q Mr. Weiss, did there come a time when Mr.

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| | A Yes, I was. |
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| | Q After he testified did you have a conversation with him about his testimony? |
| | A Yes. |
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| 8 | ask for a side bar, Judge. |
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| 10 | THE COURT: Well, I will see you now at the |
| 11 | (At the side bar.) |
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| 13 | elicit, your Fonor, is that Mr. Gugliaro told Mr. Weiss |
| 14 | if the government ever found witnesses to place in the |
| 15 | Potpourri he would say that he was mistaken, he thought |
| 16 | it was Chez Joey and that the sign was changed and |
| 17 | that's why he testified that he had never been in the |
| 18 | Potpourri. This, of course, is one of the counts of |
| 19 | the perjury which he is charged with. |
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| 21 | THE COURT: What is the objection, Fr. Newman? |
| 22 | THE COURT: It is a statement of the stat |
| 23 | ant, I presume. |
| 24 | MR. NEWMAN: Yes. The first question I |
| 25 | would like to know is when Mr. Weiss started to cooperate |
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BY MISS MEIMAN:

Mr. Weiss, again directing your attention to the conversation you had with Mr. Gugliaro after he

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testified as a witness in the Imperial trial, would you tell us what he said to you about his name?

He said that it's possible that the government could find some witnesses that could place him in the Potpourri, but that he would say that the sign on the Potpourri restaurant at that time was still Chez Joey.

Q And was the Potpourri called Chez Joey when you purchased it?

A Yes.

O And did you have the Chez Joey sign hanging up there for a while on the restaurant?

A Yes.

And approximately when did you get the Potpourri sign?

A About three months after we opened up the restaurant.

THE COURT: When does that place it? When did it open up?

THE WITNESS: 1969.

THE COURT: About what timein 1969?

THE WITNESS: It opened up just before the

summer of 1969 and the sign was there maybe in October.

THE COURT: You mean the sign Potpourri?

THE WITHESS: Potpourri was put up.

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| 2 | THE COURT: In October of 1969? |
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| 4 | right around that period. |
| 5 | THE COURT: So between October, 1969 and the |
| 6 | closing in the summer of 1970, the sign said Potpourri? |
| 7 | THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. |
| 8 | THE COURT: All right. |
| 9 | BY MISS NEIMAN: |
| 10 | O Mr. Weiss, at the Imperial trial you testified |
| 11 | in your own behalf as a defendant, didn't you? |
| 12 | Yes, I did. |
| 13 | O And you denied any involvement in a scheme to |
| 14 | manipulate the Imperial stock, did you not? |
| 15 | A Yes, I did. |
| 16 | O And that was a lie, wasn't it? |
| 17 | A It was. |
| 18 | Q And did you also testify that you had only |
| 19 | met Vincent Gugliaro in connection with his purchase of |
| 20 | lamps from his store, that you may have seen him once or |
| 21 | twice in restaurants? |
| 22 | A Yes, I did. |
| 23 | Q And was that a lie? |
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Mr. Weiss, when did you begin cooperating

Yes, it was.

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in connection with the sentence and then the sentence of

Mr. Weiss indicated what his understanding was, that the government would state that he cooperated and has never seen these letters and the government would prefer that because they are, in essence, irrelevant, they be submitted to the court only.

THE COURT: Do you claim that they are not 3500 material?

MISS NEIMAN: Yes, your Honor, they are not 3500 material, but to the extent --

THE COURT: And you really want me to give you a ruling that they are not 3500 material?

they are not Brady because of what the government brought out through Mr. Weiss already.

*THE COURT: All right. I will look at them.

I have some doubt as to whether it is my responsibility, really, to pass on this, but I notice that a lot of judges do it.

I usually say that the decision on Erady is a matter for the United States attorney and not for me, but as to whether it is 3500 material, I will take a look at it.

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MISS NEIMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

These are marked Government's Exhibits 35010, 35010 and

THE COURT: C seems to be addressed to Judge Lasker.

D is addressed to Judge Lasker.

E is addressed to Judge Brieant.

MISS NEIMAN: That's correct, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Andyou are representing that ir. Weiss has never seen these communications, doesn't know anything about their contents?

MISS NEIMAN: That's correct. He simply knows the government did make a statement on his behalf to each of these judges about his cooperation.

THE COURT: All right. What 3500 material as to Weiss has been turned over to the defense?

MISS NEIMAN: I am going to turn over to

Mr. Newman 3501A, which is the rap sheet of Mr. Weiss,

3501B, which includes motion to reduce before Judge

Lasker, Judge Lasker's endorsement of that motion,

and the reduced judgment of conviction, the amended

judgment of conviction. I do not have the first judgment of conviction. It was March 8, 1972 and the

sentence was eight months.

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MR. NEWMAN: Will your Honor bear with me for a

THE COURT: Of course.

(Mr. Newman examines.)

Now, when was it that you first decided to cooperate with the government, Mr. Weiss?

A I started to discuss with the U.S. Attorney September of 1972.

- I am sorry, did you say December of 1972? THE COURT: September.
- A September.
- Q September?
- A Right.
- Q And at that point, so I understand you correctly, you had been convicted of the Imperial manipulation, you were sentenced to eight months?
 - A Yes, sir.
- Q During the course of the discussion in September of 1972 did you inquire whether you could get some help from the government to get that sentence cut?
 - A I am just trying to think -- yes, sir.
- Q And at that point in September of 1972 you were already indicted in Lanai
 - A Excuse me --

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| 2 | Gugliaro? |
| 3 | A A very short time maybe two weeks. |
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| 6 | Q And did anybody introduce you to him? |
| 7 | A I was introduced to him by Bernard Waiss and Phil |
| 8 | Bonadonna. |
| 9 | Q And by what name had you been introduced to him - |
| 10 | what was the name that he was introduced to you by, that is? |
| 11 | A Vinnia. |
| 12 | Q And had you seen Mr. Gugliaro bafore you were |
| 13 | actually introduced to him? |
| 14 | A Yes. |
| 15 | Q And where had you seen him? |
| 16 | A At the Potpourri. |
| 17 | Q Now going back to this meeting at The Potpourri |
| 18 | about the expenses, you mentioned that an Erwin Lane was |
| 19 | there. For how long had you known Erwin Layne? |
| 20 | A Approximately a year. |
| 21 | Q Who had introduced you to Erwin Layne? |
| 22 | A Barnard Weiss. |
| 23 | Now, Mr. Alpert, will you tell us, to the best |
| 24 | of your recollection, who said what at this meeting where |
| 25 | Mr. Gugliaro, Mr. Bonadonna, Mr. Weiss, you and Mr. Layne |
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I asked Fr. Gugliaro if I could withdraw \$25,000 from the deal because I needed it to go into a real estate transaction and it was getting close to the closing and I needed the money, you know, rapidly.

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A Yes, I did.

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Taylor's office with Weiss, Layne and Bonadonna did

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I did most of the talking and I told Mr. Gugliaro that the 10,000 shares were bought in the stock
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Taylor owned all the stock. If I was put put 10,000
shares of buy-in in at any one time the stock could have
moved 10 points, 20 points. I mean if nobody was
selling the stock, there would be no limit where it could
go. So somebody was selling the stock while I was
buying it, and if that's the case, that's not the
arrangement we had and I'd like to find out where the
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I says, "It doesn't make sense your going to speak to John Dio. Hellerman is going to be there. Hellerman knows about the market, you don't, and you are just not going to accomplish anything."

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He said, "Don't worry, we are dealing with John, we will accomplish it."

O Mr. Alpert, was Mr. Gugliaro able to get back to you soon in connection with this problem that you had told him about?

A He had a meeting subsequently with John Dio.

MR. NEWMAN: Objection, if your Honor please, unless we establish that this gentleman was there.

THE COURT: Yes. I will sustain the objection unless -- did Mr. Gugliaro tell you this?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE COURT: All right. When?

THE WITNESS: After the meeting with Dio.

THE COURT: And where did he tell you this?

THE WITNESS: At the Potpourri restaurant.

THE COURT: And who was present?

THE WITHESS: Myself, Weiss, Bonadanna, Layne and Gugliaro.

O Hr. Alpert, did there come a time when Hr. Taylor

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of the jury, suppose you be excused now for our luncheon

MISS MEINAN: It is as good as any time,

(The jury left the courtroom.)

recess and we will resume at 2 o'clock. Thank you

THE COURT: Mr. Alpert, you may be excused until 2 o'clock.

(The witness left the courtroom.)

THE COURT: "r. Newman, you had some application or applications you wanted to make.

I'R. NEWMAN: Yes.

and a declaration of a mistrial based on the testimony or the answer given by the FBI agent, Judge, in which, in response to a perfectly simple question as to "What do you do for the FBI?" him saying, "I'm in the Criminal Division," and at this point we had the picture in, your Honor had given what your Honor considered a cautionary instruction. I respectfully suggest to your Honor that this washed away the effects of that cautionary instruction, not through any fault of your Honor or Miss Meiman, but it didn't come out.

I didn't what to highlight it at the time. I respectfully submit that we now have the picture of Mr. Cugliaro being named in an indictment in Imperial, this gentleman here, Mr. Alpert, has testified in greater detail for Imperial than he ever did before at the trial that he testified in, we have the pictures in now, albeit your Honor's cautionary instruction, and we have the statement by the PBI agent that he is in the Criminal Division and that he took material from the pocket or the possession of Mr. Cugliaro.

I respectfully submit I don't know how

I can try this case without putting Hr. Gugliaro on the
stand and without this jury drawing the inference that
he was indicted, having up in the air the idea that
he may have been convicted of a crime, and that he was
searched incidental to some arrest, and we have those
poitures.

I say, Judge, it has created a maze and a web that I don't really think we can hide our heads in the sand and say can be cured, no matter how well intentioned your Fonor is, by any cautionary instruction and I reluctantly and respectfully move for the withdrawal of a juror.

THE COURT: I think I will deny that applica-

THE COURT: When the telephone call was made?

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THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: All right.

A It was in the office downstairs at The Potpourri, and Layne called Houston to find out where the moneys had gone. Weiss and myself had told them that we paid off brokers with the money, and we hadn't -- we just split the money up and kept it ourselves, and Layne called Patterson for verification on this.

Q And did you say anything after the phone conversation to people who were present with you?

A Yes. I said that Patterson wasn't telling the truth, we did pay off the brokers, and that's it.

- Q And that fact was not correct, was it?
- A No.

THE COURT: Who made the trip to Houston?

THE WITNESS: Mr. Weiss and myself.

on vacation during the month of December, 1969?

A Yes. I left for Florida with my family, I believe, on the 19th of December.

Q And did you come back to New York at all during your vacation?

- A Yes, for one day towards the and of the month.
- And were you in Mr. Murray Taylor's office at

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| 2 | all that day? | | |
| 3 | A Yes. | | |
| 4 | And do you recall who else was at Mr. Taylor's | | |
| 5 | office? | | |
| 6 | A Mr. Hellerman, Mr. Weiss, myself, Mr. Bonadonna | | |
| 7 | and Mr. Layne. | | |
| 8 | Q Mr. Alpert, did you ever have any conversation | | |
| 9 | with Mr. Gugliarc or were you ever present during any con- | | |
| 10 | versation where a phone call was discussed with Mr. Gugliaro | | |
| 11 | present only not if anybody else was present when he was | | |
| 12 | not present? | | |
| 13 | A Was I physically present at a meeting or had a | | |
| 15 | discussion? | | |
| 16 | Q' Yes, where Mr. Gugliaro was there in connection | | |
| 17 | with a phone conversation. | | |
| 18 | A No. | | |
| 19 | Q Did there come a time when you had a conversation | | |
| 20 | with Mr. Vincent Gugliaro on the potential profits from | | |
| 21 | Imperial? | | |
| 22 | A Yes. | | |
| 23 | And approximately when was this? | | |
| 24 | A It was the first or second week in January of | | |
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| | Q And where did this conversation take place? | | |

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- A At The Potpourri.
- Q And who was present?

A Layna, Philip Bonadonna, Vincent Gugliaro, Mr. Weiss and myself.

Q And will you tell us who said what in this conversation?

Erwin was taking notes so far as the amount of stock that was sold over a period of time from the beginning of the year on. This stock that was sold from the beginning of the year on was going to be divided as soon as the settlement date came through between the two parties involved — Hellerman and us.

Erwin had notes as to how many shares were sold, and the figure — the dollar figure which was proposed at that time I think was about \$140,000 of securities which had been sold and bought, and we wanted to divide that \$140,000 up.

And did you have a conversation with -- this is the conversation that you were relating with Mr. Gugliaro and all the others were present, is that correct?

- A Y68.
- Did you ask to go to any meeting in connection with to profits of Imperial?

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Q Now, going back to that meeting and the people who you mentioned were there, had you ever met Phil Bonadonna before this meeting?

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A No, ma'am.

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Q Had you ever met Erwin Layne before this meeting?

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Q Had you ever met Vincent Aloi before this meeting?

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A Yes, ma'am.

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Q Will you tell us, indicating who said what, what was said at that meeting?

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A Well, we sat down for lunch, we were along a banquet in Gatsby's, and Mr. Dioguardi was sitting at the head of the table, sort of at the head, and Mr. Gugliaro and Mr.

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Aloi were sitting on the right of him down, like, in the

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middle of the table, and Mr. Dioguardi, addressing himself

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Mr. Vincent Gugliaro, he said, "I had Michael come back from

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Puerto Rico," and he stopped and he said, "Jack," to

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Jack Kelsey, who was sitting at my left, "if I say anything

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that is why I had you at the last meeting."

Mr. Dioguardi went on to say there was a meeting and that Mr. Taylor, Murray Taylor, had met Mr. Erwin Layne and Phil Bonadonna and Mr. Murray Taylor had said to Erwin Layne and Phil Bonadonna that he, Murray Taylor, was Johnny Dio's partner and Johnny wanted the record to be shown and he said that Murray Taylor was not his partner, that I was his partner and that Murray Taylor shouldn't have said that Johnny was his partner but because I was involved with Murray and Johnny was my partner that he had gone to the first meeting and he wanted everybody to understand his relationship to the deal, that he wasn't Murray Taylor's partner, that he was my partner.

He went on to say that at the previous meeting there was a discussion of front --

MR. NEWMAN: I am sorry, Judge, I assume he still means Mr. Dioguardi.

THE WITNESS: Yes, right.

THE COURT: I think you are right.

MR. NEWMAN: Because he had a whole bunch of

THE WITNESS: Mr. Dioguardi is doing all the talking

MR. NEWMAN. T am sorry, Mr. Hellerman.

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A Mr. Dioguardi is saying at the first meeting there was a discussion of front money and that there was a discussion of Ronnie Alpert needing front money to be able to sell the Imperial Investment stock and he explained that Mr. Alpert, that he was told from Mr. Aloi and Mr. Gugliaro and Mr. Bonadonna, Mr. Layne, that Ronnie Alpert had a mutual fund in Texas and that at \$24 a share he could sell the whole block of 111,000 shares that I had said was outstanding at that price and they wanted -- "they" meaning Mr. Gugliaro, Mr. Aloi and Ronnie Alpert's side wanted \$400,000 for making the transaction or selling the block of stock to the mutual fund and they wanted front money.

The front money started out being asked at 100,000, then 25,000. And he asked Jack Kelsey during this conversation -- this is Mr. Dioguardi -- "Jack, is what I am saying correct?"

Jack nodded his head, Murray Taylor modded his head and I interrupted at that point and I said, "John," referring to Mr. Dioguardi now, "naturally, you didn't agree to any front money."

Johnny said, "No, I didn't."

I said, "Well, I don't believe that Ronnie Alpert can do the deal, because those kind of deals are impossible.

Those are dream deals, they don't happen."

He said, "I will tell you what you do. Ronnie
Alpert doesn't need the front money and doesn't have to
make the price of the stock 24 or \$26 and sell it to a mutual
fund."

I said, "I will do that." I said, "You take -you get Mr. Aloi's word and Mr. Gugliaro's word right now
and they can make the difference, John. I will deliver
to you lll,000 shares of Imperial Investment, you deliver
it to Mr. Aloi and Mr. Gugliaro and let them give you
\$2 million for the stock and they don't have to make
400,000, they can make 600,000 or they can make 800,000,
because I will take the stock to 28 or 30 or 26. That is not
the problem. Ronnie Alpert can't do the deal and he is just
looking to take down front money. It cannot be done the
way he is saying. So if they believe, Mr. Gugliaro and Mr.
Aloi believe that Ronnie Alpert can do the deal, then
just take their word, John, and I will make the stock 28 or 26
or 30, whatever price they want, and I will hand them the
stock and you get their word that you will get \$2 million."

At this point Mr. Aloi looked at Mr. Gugliaro and they got a little nervous, they didn't know what to say next, and then Mr. Bonadonna and Mr. Layne interrupted and said, "Why don't we give them a chance?"

I said, "John, if you want to give them a chance out of your friendship for Mr. Gugliaro and Mr. Aloi, that is all right, but there is not going to be any front money here and I just don't believe it can be done."

That was the basic conversation.

MR. NEWMAN: At a convenient time to the Court in the absence of the jury, I have certain applications to address.

THE COURT: Yes. I will consider them in a few minutes. It is almost time to stop.

All right, go ahead, Miss Neiman.

Q Mr. Hellerman, in the course of the conversation, did Mr. Dioguardi say anything about who was present at the prior meeting which he was telling you about?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q And what did he say?

A Mr. Dioguardi at the beginning of the conversation, when he addressed himself to the whole table and explained that he had asked me to come back from Puerto Rico and he said at the previous meeting Mr. Aloi was supposed to be at the meeting and that is why he had brought Mr. Tramunti to the meeting, but Mr. Aloi didn't come to the first meeting but now everything that was being done was known both by Mr. Tramunti and by Mr. Aloi.

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THE COURT: Now, do I understand, Mr. Hellerman, that the deal was being discussed at New Gatsby's Restaurant at this meeting about which you just testified involved the stock of Imperial Investment Company?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: All right. We have time for about one more question.

Mr. Hellerman, had you ever met Ronnie Alpert or Bernie Weiss before this meeting at Gatsby's?

A No, ma'am.

THE COURT: All right. Suppose we stop now. It is 4:30.

I have told the jury that we would stop at 4:30.

Mr. Foreman, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, bear in mind not to discuss the case amongst yourselves or with anybody else.

We will excuse you until 9:30 tomorrow morning and we will try to start promptly at 9:30. Thank you very much. You are retired.

(The jury left the courtroom.)

THE COURT: All right, Mr. Hellerman, you may be excused until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Marshal, you can arrange now in any way you see

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fit for Mr. Hellerman to leave the room.

THE WITNESS: Thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: I wonder if it isn't perhaps more prudent to wait a few minutes and let the jurors leave the floor. Do you think?

THE MARSHAL: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Then why don't you sit back in the back of the room or wherever it is convenient. Let us give the jurors time to leave the floor.

MR.NEWMAN: Thank you, sir.

THE COURT: All right, Mr. Newman.

MR.NEWMAN: I have alternative requests for relief, Judge.

I would respectfully --

THE COURT: Would you rather do this out of the hearing of the witness?

MR. NEWMAN: Yes, I would.

THE COURT: Why don't you come up here.

(At the side bar.)

MR. NEWMAN: Based on his testimony, Judge, I respectfully request in the alternative a mistrial on the theory that the collateral estoppel motion that I made really had no bearing after Mr. Hellerman's testimony, because I think he testified to the entire Imperial conspiracy either

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Q Mr. Hellerman, did Mr. Alpert and Mr. Weiss ever attend these meetings at Gataby's?

- A No, ma'am.
- Q And why was that?
- A Mr. Dioguardi ---

MR. NEWMAN: I am going to object to that.

THE COURT: Sustained.

By the way, do we need to get into all the details of the conversations at these various meetings?

Isn't the government's purpose to prove that the defendant knew these persons and discussed Imperial stock with them?

MISS NEIMAN: Yes, your Honor, and I will try to shorten the conversation.

THE COURT: Let us not ask him what was the conversation. You can ask him, "Did you discuss Imperial stock," or something else.

MISS NEIMAN: Very well, your Honor, I will do that.

THE COURT: I don't think we need the details.

Mr. Hellerman, did you ever hear Mr. Gugliaro mention a restaurant in Brooklyn where he would meet Mr. Alpertor Mr. Weiss?

A Yes, ma'am.

spoke to him.

HIDD FRUME: I have no further questions.

ladies and gentlemen of the jury, suppose we take a few minutes' recess while I take up some questions of law with counsel. You may retire to the jury room.

(The jury left the courtroom.)

excuse you for a few minutes and you can wait outside.

(The witness left the courtroom.)

THE COURT: Now, Mr. Newman, I made a note that you wanted to make an application.

ternative for either a mistrial or that your Bonor instruct this jury that Mr. Gugliaro has been twice acquitted of his involvement in Imperial, and I respectfully call your Bonor's attention to the fact that these questions as posed by Miss Beiman, and I think your Bonor picked it up somewhere along the line, were designed and in fact resulted in Mr. Bellerman recounting intoto everything about the Imperial situation, including conversations in great detail between himself and Alpert and everything else that had to do with Imperial, and I don't see, despite your Bonor's good intention and your Bonor's

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relevant to rany of the counts in the indictment.

For instance, one of the counts I just happen to remember.

charges an offense because Mr. Gugliaro testified that

he never discussed Imperial with, and theoretically all

discussions could certainly come in. I thought we

had had enough and therefore I suggested that we did

not need every word that was said. If it was a dis
cussion of Imperial that makes the government's point just

about as well as the actual words that were used.

Upon further reflection I cannot accept your point about the acquittal of Mr. Gugliaro and I deny this application.

I am going to give as strong an instruction

as I can that he isn't being charged with stock manipulation or any form of securities and that whether he was guilty or innocent in the Imperial offenses is totally irrelevant to the charges here and that the jury should disregard it entirely and not speculate as to the result of that trial.

THE COURT: Now, suppose though I were to adopt your reasoning and either permit you to bring it out or I were to instruct the jury that Mr. Sugliaro had been acquitted. How could I stop Miss Scinan from arguing and asking the jury to accept that of course he was acquitted, because he perjured himself.

IT. MEMPAN: Fine, I don't care.

alleged false testimony had any effect at all is not an essential element of the offense and it is totally irrelevant.

MP. NEWMAN: Yes, but you see, Judge, we are in a different posture here by virtue of the collateral estoppel motion because the government has already taken a position inmemoranda and in affidavit that as a matter of law his testimony at that trial did not influence the verdict because, Judge, they can't say

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THE COURT: Cartainly I am not going to find collateral estopped with a verdict that was brought about by false testimony and in that way the man would escape punishment altogether. We would haver have a system of justice. That is totally unresconable.

No, I am convinced that what I believe to be the correct rule found in a number of cases is that the result of the first trial is utterly irrelevant. I believe it is a good rule and I think, among other reasons, because otherwise you and Miss Naiman would be arquing about the affect of th acquittal at the first trial on the guilt or innocence of the man giving false testimony and the way to keep out those irrelevant matters is just to rule, as I do rule, that the guilt or innocence, conviction or acquittal, of this defendant at the Imperial trials has no bearing on the issues here.

MR. NEWMAN: Except, Judge, all of that is wonderful in theory — and I don't mean it is wonderful in theory, it is erroneous in theory — but in practice, as it was practiced in this case, that was far from the situation because I think, to use street varnacular, Mr. Gugliaro get the short and of the stick because witness after witness was asked questions a cartain way to elicit every one of the gory details involving con-

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versations, not only involving Mr. Gugliaro, but conversations involving Hellerman and Alpert when Gugliaro wasn't even there. I say they can't have it both ways.

That is all right, if we are dealing in a vacuum, but we are not dealing in a vacuum.

THE COURT: I think generally when Mr. Gugliaro was not there, I don't think I permitted the details of the conversations, at least on some occasions I certainly sustained your objections.

But when he is there, the government is proving that he discussed Imparial with these people.

MR. NEWMAN: Judge, I didn't want to be placed in the position of jumping up every three minutes to object to conversations because I didn't want to attach that great a significance to it, but I would venture to say to your Honor, if we were to just look at the transcript of Mr. Hellerman's testimony this morning, there was conversation after conversation that didn't in any way relate to Mr. Gugliaro's involvement in Imperial.

For example, Mr. Gugliars is alleged to be at a table, Judge. Let's concede for the moment just for the purposes of this argument that the issue is Mr. Gugliaro's involvement in Imperial vis-a-vis the perjury where he denied his involvement.

THE COURT: Mr. Clerk, will you give this to the marshal to give to the jury and mark the note the next court's exhibit.

(Court's Exhibit 1 marked.)

MR. NEWMAN: When you have a free moment from your calendar there is something which has come to my attention in connection with our case and I would like to put on the record.

THE COURT: Do it right now.

MR. MEWMAN: I happened to be sitting across the hall while Mr. Weiss is testifying in another case and the government just now across the hall produced a memorandum from the Federal Bureau of Inbestigation indicating that Mr. Weiss became a cooperative witness with the government in February of 1971 and there is a whole memorandum and interview report which was just handed up which greatly varies from his testimony here of starting to cooperate in October of 1872 and which raises another problem, Judge.

You may remember that a piece of testimony was allowed into evidence concerning a conversation that he, Weiss, had with my client at the time of the Imperial trial in December of '71 concerning what my client said, in words or substance, he, Weiss, claims that if any wit-

THE COURT: I think a response at a later time, because there is very little I can do at this point.

MISS NEIMAN: I just wish to advise the court that one of the documents that I turned over to your

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THE COURT: Nothing I sa now is intended to prejudice either side. I just cannot determine the matter now, but both of you have leave to go into it at

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any time when it becomes necessary.

MISS NEIMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

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directly or through the mouths of other co-conspirators, the pretext being Fr. Gugliaro was at the table, but he started all the way back from the letter A and came out -- I didn't want to interrupt it because I didn't want to attach any undue significance to it, but hd testified, in my recollection, within five minutes to the entire conspiracy.

My client was acquitted of this compairacy and if collateral estoppel is to have any meaning at all I think it has meaning vis-a-vis this gentleman, and I would submit to your Honor, at the risk of injecting character into this, it does not involve Miss Neiman, but this gentleman is so worldly vis-a-vis testifying in courts he has more stand time than perhaps some of us, and I would submit to your Honor that it was dome deliberately by him because I have seen him testify before, and I submit I should have one of two things, either a mistrial or, in the alternative, I don't see why I should not be allowed to bring out of this witness that DioGuardi was acquitted -- I know what I am saying, Judge -- Tramunti was acquitted, Aloi was acquitted and my client was acquitted of that Imperial conspiracy, Judge, because I am trying the Imperial conspiracy again, Judge.

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I am not going to change my ruling. I deny the motion

THE COURT: I don't think that we are and

ence whether he was acquitted or convicted; we are only trying whether he testified falsely. But I haven't overlooked the fact that you want the jury to be made aware that he was acquitted. I am going to tell them in the same breath that it is completely irrele-

not trying the Imperial conspiracy, it makes no differ-

MISS NEIMAN: Your Honor, before you make that decision, will I be given an opportunity to be

THE COURT: Yes. But we don't have to do it before we finish with this witness.

Anything else?

MR. NEWMAN: No.

I just wanted to ask you, by way of instruction on cross examination, whether you will land on me like a ton of bricks if I try to ask him whether be

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knows whether John DioGuardi was acquitted in Imperial.

"ISS HEIMAN: No.

MP. NEWMAN: I am asking the judge this, Miss Neiman.

THE COURT: Ho, I won't permit that.

MR. NEWICHH: Okay.

THE COURT: But I will let you ask no to tell them that John DioGuardi was acquitted. It will have the same effect.

ruling on that that he is permitted to --

THE COURT: No, not yet. Not yet.

MP. NEWMAN: Thank you, sir.

THE COURT: Miss Neiman, I think you ought to consider your position on this. If there should be a conviction of this defendant you know what they will do upstairs, and from my standpoint it strikes me it is much more prudent regardless of the technicalities of the earlier cases to tell the jury that this man was acquirred.

HISS NEIMAN: Your Honor, believe me, I have had several conferences with the chief appellate attorney and the head of the Criminal Division with respect to

this problem and we have come to the view, based on the prior law, it is either what it says or it isn't.

And if it is impossible to determine what the jury decided then there is no reason for the acquittal to come in.

Otherwise collateral estoppel would not mean anything.

THE COURT: But --

IISS NEIMAN: Fr. Newman only wants to use it to show the jury believed fr. Sugliaro --

MR. NEWMAN: I won't say a word about it.

THE COURT: I won't permit that.

thing that was relevant and the very fact that the judge says they should disregard it, why should they know about it if they must assume they didn't mean anything?

THE COURT: Because I think myself, with my experience in all these matters, I would conclude that this defendant had been acquitted at the prior trial myself, or otherwise I would reason the government: wouldn't be prosecuting him right now.

I think it is arguable that the jury, with considerably less experience than I have with these matters, might conclude that he had been convicted, and that is something, since we know it isn't the fact, they ought not to be able to hold against him.

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THE COURT: What curing instruction can I give except that he wasn't convicted?

speculate what happened at the prior trial one way or the other. Indeed, they might think there were three trials the way Mr. Newman has been going asking Mr. Mert questions and there was no result from any of them the way it stands now.

THE COURT: In case of doubt it is better to err on the side of the defendant in a criminal case. You know that familiar principle.

why I propose that Mr. Gugliaro was simply a witness who testified and the jury not know he was a defendant.

indictments. That's out.

We don't need to do anything more at the moment, but as I say, I still have under advisement --

MR. NEWMAN: I just wanted to amplify it.

I think the mention of names such as Aloi, who is a

constant publicity name in the context here, and Tramunti

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and the context that they were mentioned, and I will direct our Honor's attention to it when we have the minutes tomorrow, to look at the way 'r. Hellerman put it in to bring the overtone of respect and relation and the involvement in it were done for no other reason than for 'r. Hellerman on a proven formula to impress the jury allegedly with Mr. Gugliaro's relationship to Hoi, Tramunti and PioGuardi, Judge, and I ask you to read that carefully. That is another string on the question of a mistrial, Judge.

THE COURT: No. I heard him testify and I don't think that calls for any action by me at the present time.

I also checked the indictment and such a meeting is relevant, because his acquaintance with bioGuardi and his acquaintance with Hellerman --

MR. NEWMAN: I was not disputing -HISS NEIMAN: The first question of the
indictment was "Did you speak to Aloi or Tramunti?"

FIR. NEWMAN: I didn't go into the question of relevancy at the moment.

THE COURT: I don't think we need to discuss it any further. I think I have the point.

Anything else? Ckay.

(Adjourned to January 16, 1974, at 9:30 a.m.)

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Mrs. Cicalo, will you keep your voice up so that this lady and myself can hear you, please.

Mrs. Cicalo, I ask you to take a look at Defendant's G in evidence, this picture.

Is that a fair and accurate reproduction of the front of this club where you worked?

> A Yes.

Now, this club that you worked at, was that located at 5221 Foster Avenue in Brooklyn?

Yes.

Now, you told us on direct examination that you believe it was the end of January or February, 1970, that the sign was changed. Do you remember that?

Yeah.

Q Now, I show you H for identification.

By the way, do you know whether it was Sign World, Incorporated, that changed the sign?

> A No.

I show you Defendant's H for identification, and ask you whether this refreshes your recollection as to who changed the sign and the date that it was changed on, February 27, 1970? Does that refresh your recollection?

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(In open court; jury present.)

THE COURT: Miss Neiman, will you address the

MISS NEIMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

Your Honor, Mr. Nawman, Mr. Lustig, Mr. Foreman, Ladies and Gentlamen of the jury.

I, too, thank you, as Mr. Newman did, for the attention you have given this case even though it is a short one.

what I am going to discuss with you is the evidence, and the main thing I am going to discuss with you is how the evidence was corroborated and also whather or not the witnesses which the government put on the stand have any motive to lie at this stage of the game.

basis of the facts and the evidence and your common sense and not on the amount of name-calling that has been done, not on which lawyer calls the witnesses armes, on word or or not the witness has been called a con man once, twice or twenty times or how loudly the witness has been yelled out, but, again, the only issue here is the evidence and whether you believe the evidence is credible.

We are going to get to motive and credibility in a few minutes, but for the moment let's deal with a

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few things Mr. Newman mentioned as red herrings and what he claims the government should have done and didn't do in the prosecution. Let us first focus on the following thing:

For the witnesses who testified, the jig was up a long time ago. They were caught, they were prosecuted; some of them went to trial and were prosecuted and ware found guilty and then they plad guilty to other cases, some of them plad guilty to all the indictments against them and didn't go to trial. At this point in time, they have no motive whatsoever to lie. It makes no difference to them at all. Indeed, their motive is the opposite; if they are caught lying they will be indicted for parjury. You even heard Mr. Hallerman say because of all the crimes that he committed, if he is caught committing any crime, a swindle, a con game or one single lis, the government can go back and prosecute him for everything he has ever done. That is his understanding with the government. So Mr. Hellerman has no motive to lie. That is the worst thing he could possibly do at this stage of the game.

Let's look at one other thing:

If you remember in his opening statement, Mr. Newman mentioned that you should very carefully look at

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the demeanor of the witness, that when they testify on direct examination you hear the answers come right out one after another as if rehearsed as a play, that if you look at the witnesses on cross-examination they will not be as good, that they would not answer the question, that they would fudge.

I suggest that you will find that that is not true at all, that you have before you three individuals who are very open, very truthful, who admitted what they did in the past, who admitted being liers, who admitted being con men, who admitted that, yes, as part of their motivation to testify they wented to minimize or limit their exposure to jail. They didn't lie to you about that. They put the cards right on the table. They didn't have any difficulty in remembering anything, not on cross, not on direct, not at any point during the course of this trial.

is going to be a theme throughout this summation is the fact that these witnesses were corroborated by other evidence and other witnesses; other evidence and other witnesses which Mr. Nawman calls in lawyer': language red herrings, in other words, they are really meaningless, but you will notice that everytime the government used

corroborating evidence, it has to become meaningless. You have to get rid of it, you have to make believe it doesn't exist so that the only thing you have left are the con men and swindlers, or else you have a very nice young lady like Lucille Cicale, whom you can't call a con man or a swindler, you can only call an honest waitrage who said she saw Vincent Gugliaro at the restaurant in September of 1969 through May of 1970, when she supped working there, two Friday nights a menth. That is two times nine is eighteen times. But you have to get rid of that, either get rid of it by calling the Restaurant Chez Joey and charge Mr. Gugliaro made a mistake, or by saying that the witnesses said certain things which they didn't say, and we will get to that in a few minutes.

Let us also talk a little bit before wa get into the evidence about uncalled witnesses.

His Honor will instruct you, I believe, that
you may draw the inference, if neither side cells a
witness which is available to both sides, if either side
does not call that witness, you may draw an inference
that that witness may testify unfavorably to either side
or no inference at all.

In other words, if the government did not call Murray Taylor as a witness and Jack Kelsey as a witness,

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you may find that Jack Kelsey or Murray Taylor may have testified not in favor of them.

Similarly, you may find if Mr. Newman didn't call them, they would not testify very favorably to Mr. Gugliaro.

you may also forget about the whole thing and just say, "They were not here and we are not going to consider it at all."

You also know that the government does not have to call cumulative witnesses. The government does not have to put one witness on the stand one after another to say the same thing, and I suggest you can find -- and Mr. Newman is the one who prought out Murray Taylor and Jack Kelsey were government witnesses at the Imperial trial -- I suggest that you draw the inference against Mr. Gugliaro, his failure to call Murray Taylor, his failure to call Jack Kelsey to lead you to believe if they were called as witnesses they would not say Mr. Gugliaro was not where the other witnesses claimed he was.

So uncalled witnesses. Why didn't the government bring a waiter from Gateby's? A waiter surely could have identified Michael Hellerman who was there forty times. Shirley Siroff, who came into the Pot-

pourri, was recognized and was known to the other two waitresses and she introduced Mr. Gugliaro to them, which is why she was able to identify him.

Do you really think the government could call a waiter in here from Gataby's and ask him four years ago if he recognized Mr. Gugliaro from sitting at a table?

Did Mr. Gugliaro call a waiter in to say he was not at a table?

The defense has the same subposna power as the government.

Where was Mr. Bonadonna? Why didn't he come here and thatify that none of this happened, that it was all a lie?

Where was Shirley Siroff, who was at 200 Potpourri and Chez Joey, which we will get to later? Why
didn't she come in and say, no, the sign wasn't The
Potpourri and, "We never saw Mr. Alport or Mr. Weiss"?

Again, let's talk about the credibility of the government's witnesses. And I remind you now about the corroboration, and we will get to it at the end of this discussion.

A piece of paper, "Bernie's place." I'm not quite sure whether the defense is conceding that:

Mr. Gugliaro was up at the cabine or not or whether he

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saw Mr. Weiss there and introduced him to Mr. Litvack cr not, but it doesn't matter. Certainly, it doesn't look so good, this saying "Bernie's place" when it really should say Phil or Erwin's, because Mr. Gugliero's claim is Phil and Erwin were the people he was friendly with and not Mr. Weiss, because you recall Mr. Weiss, he only brought lamps from Mr. Weiss's store and that's it, he went there and picked the lamps up and that was the end of it, he never had any deals with Mr. Weiss, never saw Mr. Weiss at The Potpourri.

it says "Dave" and Mr. Litvack's phone number. I suggest that this was probably the occasion when Mr. Gugliaro borrowed thakey from Mr. Weiss to go up to the cabins because he didn't have Mr. Weiss's phone number here.

You might recall Mr. Newman questioning Mr. Livack whether the cabins had telephone numbers and he said yes, and this is his number. I would suggest that you might find this was the occasion when Mr. Gugliaro went up there on his own when he borrowed the key, not when he was up there two weeks during the summer and everybody was there.

It is now suggested it says "Bernia's place" and not Phil's and Erwin's because Lanai at one point

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owned the cabins. That is to get rid of this piece of evidence to make believe it doesn't exist.

Mr. Livack's testimony is that Mr. Waiss, not Mr. Layne or Mr. Bonadonna, who he said had cabins up there, but it was Mr. Weiss who introduced him to Vinnis.

The phone calls from Taylor's office. Mr. Layne, the testimony is, called -- had an argument with Mr. Gugliaro in a car going back from Brooklyn and Mr. Gugliaro yelled at him for using the phone and calling him from Taylor's office and Mr. Weiss was present and testified to that argument.

When they got to Brooklyn, in The Petpourri, Ronnis Alpert said -- he was not there when the conversation took place, he spoke to Mr. Weiss and to Mr. Benadonna, who told him that Gugliaro was angry at Layne and he, in fact, saw Gugliaro and Layne sitting at the table and talking.

But the phone call is supposed to be meaningless. Well, Mr. Layne just happened to be in Mr. Taylor's office and happened to be calling Mr. Gugliaro at his place of business.

Mr. Alpert Mr. Hellerman and Mr. Weiss are by no means models of virtue. The government told you that in its openingstatement. The government brought out

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their criminal conduct in its direct examination. Their conduct was rotten. Their conduct was disgusting. They committed frauds on the public.

But the United States Attornay's Office doesn't run a popularity contest to find its witnesses. The government takes its witnesses as they are. As I said in my opening, and I repeat, if we could bring rabbie and priests and girl scouts to come in here and testify to these kinds of activities, we would do it. If we could bring in people that you could all admire and all look up to, we would do it. But who do you expect to be able to testify to activities like this? The Hellermans and the Alperts and the Weisses.

If you accept Mr. Newman's proposition, it means that no criminal can ever be convicted of a crime because you shouldn't listen to the witnesses that get up there and talk about it, the other paople who know what the otherperson is doing. Who else is going to testify to it?

Wouldn't the government have been happy if Lucy Cicalo could say while she was waiting on Mr. Gugliaro the coffee spilled and she overheard a conversation about Imperial. Wouldn't that solve all our problems? But that's not the way the world is. The

who are there and the people who are there are all crooks. The only question now is, do you believe them when they tell you what happened, what they did, what Mr. Gugliaro did, that they met him, that they knew him, that they had meetings with him? Is there any point at this stage of the game for them to lie about these meetings?

And don't forget that these people were good enough when they dealt with Mr. Gugliaro to deal with him. It's just now that they are on the witness stand testifying against him that they are no good, they are con men, they are swindlers. Bafore that they weren't con men or swindlers.

I also draw to your attention the fact that these witnesses were not cross-examined very much, if at all, about the facts of this case. Mr. Hellsrman wasn't acked about the details of the meetings at Cataby's, because you don't want to draw attention to that in the defense case. He was cross-examined about the stock manipulations, he was cross-examined about the fact that he was a con man over and over and over again.

lied, that he had been a swindler, that he had been a

crook. He was not asked about the meatings at Gatsby's.

And let's look at some of the attempts to impeach the witness. Now, the word impeach means to try to show that a witness is not telling the truth. That's a kind of broad definition.

You remember that Mr. Neuman from time to time would read from a prior transcript of testimony of each of these witnesses at a prior trial to attempt to show that something the witness said on the stand here in court in front of you was different from something that he said before and that, therefore, the witness is a liar.

Namman all failed. They all failed and they were desperate attempts to try to bring things in out of context from prior trials to show that these witnesses were lying here and that every one of these things was explained to you, and I will go through just a few of them to show you that the defense has to distract attention from the facts of this case and make you think only of the fact that these people were involved in stock swindles to try to make you think that they were lying about something and try to pull things out of a prior trial and make it a lie and it wasn't at all. Let's look at some of these.

Let's take Mr. Alpert. Mr. Alpert testified that

 again, that controls, he testified that Mr. Gugliero and everybody else was at the restaurant when the phone call was made. He didn't add that at the end, because there was an objection because he didn't know whether he said Mr. Gugliaro was there and then he said to the Court in response to the question, "Yes, Mr. Gugliaro was there."

the government. He's finished with the government. He served his 45 days. he's finished. Now all he has to do is to testify. If he perjures himself, he's in trouble, that's it.

Mr. Alpert testified that Mr. Layne placed a phone call to Mr. Patterson. You even heard from Mr. Hellerman later say at Gatsby's that, "Mr. Gugliaro and Layne and Bonadonna were at a meeting and they told me, they put on record with Johnny Dio the fact that Ronnie Alpert and bornie Weise might have stolen the money does in Texas, they knewthat because they placed a call to Patterson in Texas and Layne had prior contact with Patterson because he had been down in Texas on several occasions."

How did Hellerman know that? He wasn't at the meeting at the Potpourri with Weiss or Layne, Alpartor

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Bonadonna. He hasn't seen these people since the Fall of 1971.

Mr. Alpert talls you the phone call was made and then ha's asked a question, "Who made the phone call?"

And he said, "Mr. Layne made the phone call," and he doesn't know if the phone call was placed by Mr. Luyne and then Mr. Patterson called back or the phone call went through the first time and they talked on the phone.

And what's the difference?

is trying to save the government from subpoening, from having it in front of the jury that there ware no toll slips here and if this had been from Mr. Alpert's restaurant down to Taxas there would be a toll slip. If the call was made from Texas, there has to be a toll slip the other way, too. Mr. Alpert knows that. If there is a toll slip from New York to Texas, there is a toll slip from Texas to New York. The subpoence power of the court extends down.

I hope Mr. Newman didn't think we had to bring every toll slip into the courtroom. It would take a couple of weeks to go through it. But he tried to impress on you the fact that Mr. Alpert lied because on the other triel he said Mr. Layne made a phone call. It is not incon-

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sistent at all. It is a desperate attempt to find an inconsistency.

The second thing, Triumph Pet Food and China Noodle, which Mr. Newman believes is funny. Mr. Alpert was asked on cross-examination by Mr. Newman, "Were you ever involved in Triumph Pet Food and China Noodle?"

Ha said yes.

He was then asked if he manipulated the stock, and he said no, and then he answered there never was a stock, there was never any underwriting, there was never any stock to manipulate.

examination from a prior trial a whole long conversation,
"Did you have a conversation with Toxtmey about China
Noodle," and Mr. Alpert says yes. Where is the incensistency? He said there was no manipulation because
there was never any stock. But he accused him in a very
loud voice about lying about that, because making in a
makes it into a lie, apparently.

What about discussing business with his wife?

Mr. Alpert told you that before he decided to cooperate with the government he sat down with his wife and he talked to her about all the problems and about all the cases and about what the facts of life were.

And then Mr. Newman brings in a discussion from a prior trial and Mr. Alpert was being asked in context about whather or not at the time, while he was manipulating a stock, when he used his wife's name, did he discuss it with her, and his answer was "Of course not." Where is the inconsistency in that? It is perfectly consistent.

ing to Mr. Hellerman called a liar and then you ware expected to believe Mr. Hellerman, when he is asked, "Do you know Philip Bono," really is irrelevant to this trial.

Mr. Hellerman is sitting there and he is thinking and he scratches his head and he says no, and he is even mumbling to himself while Mr. Neuman is thinking of the next question, then you hear the inconsistency from the other trial, "Mr. Hellerman, do you know Richard Bono?"

Mr. Hallarman looks up and said, "Yes, but you asked me Philip."

Is that what this case is about? Trying on fact two different words in hundreds of different pages of tensimony, is that what the case is about?

Mr. Hellerman, Mr. Alpert and Mr. Weiss hadn't seen each other for ages. Mr. Weiss and Mr. Alpert lest spoke in the beginning of May of 1972. They had both been convicted in Imperial, they both had pending indictments

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and they spoke before Mr. Alpert became a government withous and Mr. Weiss didn't begin to cooperate with the government until months afterwards. Mr. Hallsrman has never seen either of them since September of 1971.

I suggest to you that that is very important, and that is very important because if you look at the teatimeny in this trial and the facts you have two sides of the story. You have Alpert and Weiss telling you what went on at the table at The Potpourri and you have Mr. Hellerman telling you what went on at Gatsby's, and if the two sides never talked to each other, there is no way that they can be lying if they are telling you things that fit in to a puzzle, and that is exactly what went on in this trial. They never spoke to each other. There is no way that they could have come up with the same story without telling the truth.

Mr. Newman suggests that they sat in on a prior trial. Wall, you heard who testified in those prior trials and you will note from the indictment that Mr. Benadenna and Mr. Layne and Mr. Weiss and Mr. Alpert and Mr. Gugliaro were all defendants in the prior trial, so there was nobedy tasta in the meetings at The Potpourri at the prior trial.

Murray Taylor tastified, as you heard, as a

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government witness, but he wasn't at any of these meetings.

He was at the very first one when the whole thing started,
but he wasn't at any other case, so they didn't each sit
down and memorize Murray Taylor's story so that two years
later when they became government witnesses they would be
able to recite it from the witness stand.

Not only would that he incredible, but they didn't do it because Murkay Taylor wasn't at the meeting that they testified about.

New lat's look at some of the facts in the case and how the pieces fit together with a puzzle, which, again, the facts are not important, it is whether Mr. Hellerman, Mr. Alpert and Mr. Weiss met Mr. Gugliaro.

He denied knowing Hellerman and meeting Hellerman, he denied knowing Taylorand meeting Taylor, he denied
knowing Hellerman and meeting Hellerman. He admitted knowing
Weiss from purchasing lamps, but otherwise denied knowing
Weiss. The details of the convergation fits in from
one meeting to the next and there is no way that they could
fit it unless these people were telling the truth.

Let us start at the beginning.

You will recall that Mr. Hellerman told you that he had been involved in Imperial, but then he decided he made enough money and he was going to step. He then went down

You have the records in evidence showing that a Michael Hellerman stayed in Puerto Rico from November 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Derado Beach Hotel.

to Puerto Rico for a couple of days.

If there was another Michael Hellerman, you can be sura Mr. Newman would have found the other Michael Hellerman, but, again, I don't think that is very impact and.

While ir. Hellarman was down in Puerto Rice, towards the end of October, Murray Taylor, Levins and Coodman want to T's Potpourri to offer a proposition to Alpert and Weise, "Will you come in and join us in the Imparial stock manipulation?"

And Phil Bons onna, a very good friend of Gugliaro, a friend for 20 years -- you heard what he testified to -- was sitting at that table, and Mr. Alpert didn't want to do the deal because there was no front money, he wanted to make sure he would get some money in advance so he wouldn't be out of protest and end up with mothing.

But Mr. Bonadonna heard from Mr. Taylor -- and this is important -- that John Dioguardo was Mr. Taylor's partner and Bonadonna said to Alpert and Weiss, "Don't mix the deal yet, I can talk to John Dioguardo, wait before you make a decision."

Over the next few days Mr. Alperthad several conversations with Mr. Bonadonna and Mr. Taylor and he agreed to do the deal.

You heard from Mr. Hellerman what happened during the new few days, although Mr. Hellerman was in Puerto Rico, because when he came back he had a meeting at Gateby's, which was the second meeting, the first for Mr. Hellerman was the second meeting, and you heard there had been a first meeting that Mr. Bonadonna and Mr. Gugliaro and Mr. Dioguardo and Mr. Layns and Mr. Tramunti and Mr. Kelsey in Mr. Hellerman's absence sat down and talked about having Ronnie Alpert try to push the stock up and sell it to some mutual fund in Texas.

And what is important about this?

Mr. Hellerman tells you about the Gataby's meeting and about John Dieguardo telling everybody present that Murray Taylor told the people in Brooklyn that, "I was his partner, but I want to straighten that out, that's new true."

That's just what you heard from Mr. Alpert and Mr. Weiss, that Murray Taylor told everybody that John Dioguardo was his partner.

It couldn't have happened -- they can't be telling the truth unless they were both at these different meetings.

and remember they never spoke to each other, and everything fits in, because that was the way it was.

there was a Gatsby's meeting and the deal is talked about, but then Mr. Hellerman comes back and Mr.Dioguardo wants him at the meeting, and there is a second meeting with Mr. Aloi, who was not at the first meeting, although it was supposed to be, according to the testimony, Mr. Gugliaro, Mr. Hellerman, Mr. Dioguardo, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Layne and Mr. Bonsdonna. Hellerman talls them the deal is almost impossible, Ronnis Alpert can't do it, but in the end they decide to give Ronnis Alpert a try.

Shortly after that Alpert and Wales begin manipulating the stock.

hear that from all the witnesses in the trial. Mr.

Alpert said that he had spoken to Taylor and Hellerman

about the \$25,000 and that they said they couldn't they

it. Mr. Alpert then goes to Mr. Gugliaro and asks him,

"Please try to get me an advance of \$25,000 or a loan."

Mr. Gugliaro goes to Gatsby's, sits down with John Dioguardo and Michael Hellerman and Murray Taylor and heis told by John Dioguardo -- he is asked, "Can you guarantee it?"

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He says, "No."

John Dioguardo says to Hellerman, "Well, I wouldn't loan him the money if I were you."

Then Gugliaro and Hellerman go back to Teller's office and meet with Alpert, and Alpert and Hellerman both testify to this conversation, where Hellerman said, and Cugliaro explained what had happened at the meeting, John Dieguardo wouldn't okay the loan unless Gugliaro guaranteed it. But then Hellerman said, "If you put in 10,000 shares of buying into the stock, I'll loan you the money."

And, in fact, Alpert does that and the money is losned.

What does that lead to? The next part of the puzzle, the confirmations are stolen from Murray Taylor's office. Mr. Weiss talls you about that and Mr. Gugliaro — and Mr. Alpert tells you about that, a conversation about that, and Mr. Hellerman talls you about that, give no had a conversation in Gatsby's with Mr. Dioguardo, Mr. Aloi and Mr. Gugliaro about the confirmations stolen from Murray Keller's office.

Mr. Alpert than tells you that they had to go down to Texas and they needed money and they talked to Mr. Gugliaro about getting money. What does Mr. Hellerman

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tell you? That he had a meeting at Gateby's with John Dieguardo and Vincent Gugliaro, they needed money for Taxas.

Lane and Benadonna and Gugliaro were suspicious about what he and Weise had done with the money in Texas and they placed a call to J.L. Petterson down in Texas to find out what happened to the money, and Mr. Alpert told you that Mr. Patterson apparently advised everybody that it was true, Alpert and Weise had not used the money to pay off brokers, that they had kept the money, and Alpert told everybody no, it's not true, Patterson is lying.

Then what do you hear? You hear from Hellerman that Vincent Gugliaro went to Gateby's to tell John Dioguardo, with Mr. Layne, "We think Alpert and Weies stole the money and we want you to know, we don't want to hide anything from you."

And Liyns says, "We called sem body in Tixel named Patterson and we think they kept the money."

There was no way, no way they could make up a story like that.

phone calls, one on December 22nd, which was read into the

either declare -- give them a name in which Murray Taylor could declare \$10,000 in taxes or else take \$10,000 out of the twenty. Mr. Gugliaro took the \$10,000.

And remember Mr. Alpert had a conversation with Mr. Cugliaro before this in which he says, "We think Murray Taylor wants to have his taxes taken off. Don't do it. You are crazy to do it."

Mr. Gugliaro did it, and again Ronnie Alpert blew a gut because what did he get out of this, \$2000, and that was the end of it for him.

And znother thing Mr. Newman mentions about inconsistancies which does not give very well with the theory that the government witnesses got their stories together because they wanted to lie. Mr. Weiss recalls that Mr. Gugliaro was not cutside on Park Avenue and he just met in the back of Mr. Layne's basement. Mr. Alpert recalls that Mr. Gugliaro was there.

wanted to lie, they would have gotten together and given you the same story, and the same thing with the splitting up of the money in the basement. If they wanted to lie they would have gotten together and given you the same story. And I suggest that either their recollections differ and one of them is right, not that they are lying,

but just that one of them is right and one of them is wrong or mistaken, or even furthermore that Mr. Alpert left the meeting, have gotten his share, and Mr. Weizs remained with the others and then learned of the actual split that Mr. Gugliarc was going to make of the money and that it was just not going to be split among himself, Bonadonna and Layne but among himself, Bonadonna and Layne and send send.

You will recall that Mr. Alport testified simply to his knowledge that was the way the money was split, he didn't testify he was there and saw them dividing up the other \$5000.

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You will also recall that Mr. Weiss told you -Mr. Alpert told you he was finished, he was through,
he was furious. Mr. Weiss toldyou he kept on talking
to Mr. Gugliaro at the Potpourri and asked him to
check the figures with Hellerman and Dioguardi, because
he felt they had been robbed. And you will recall what
Mr. Hellerman told you; he had a meeting where John
Dioguardi sent him to Gatsby's with Murray Taylor and
they sat and he went over the figures.

Again, Mr. Newman suggested that the standard that you use is whether you would buy a used car from Mr. Hellerman, Mr. Alpert or Mr. Weiss. They are not selling used cars. The question is whether you are going to believe what they tell you that they did several years ago, together with Mr. Gugliaro, not whether you are going to buy a used car from them.

Again, I remind you of their motive to tell the truth and the fact that their story rings true. That's what your common sense is used for in the jury room.

Did this thing happen or did these people make it up out of thin air? As Mr. Newman said, did they just stick Mr. Gugliarin there as John Jones, out of the clear, blue sky? Why? What is their beef against Vincent Gugliaro? What is the government's beef against Vincent

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Let's look at some of the corroborating evi-We have talked about the telephone call from

Mr. Taylor's office to Mrs Gugliaro's, not

made by Mr. Taylor, made by Mr. Layne.

cent Gugliaro? Why make up a story?

Let's talk about the Chez Joey for a moment.

Here I would like to go over the testimony with you of some of the witnesses, including Mr. Alpert and Mr. Weiss, and again your recollection controls, but with all due respect to Mr. Mewman I don't think that he accurately portrayed to you the testimony of Mr. Alpert and Mr. Weiss.

Mr. Weiss said the Potpourri opened somewhere in the surmer of 1969 or the late spring of 1969, and he said to you that they applied for a liquor license right away and they did everything that was necessary, but he told you that the sign did not go up saying Potpourri until after Labor Day. He didn't say that the sign went up in the summer and that they applied for the liquor license in the name of Potpourri. He said no such thing. He said that the sign went up somewhere after Labor day of 1969. That puts it somewhere at the end of September of 1969.

"r. Alpert, when he was asked about the

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application, which he was not shown but he was asked about it, was right on point. He said, "I think we applied in June of 1969 in the name of Alto Corporation," which is right what it says on this exhibit, Defendant's Exhibit I, "and that we opened sometime in September of 1969, and we had the Chez Joey sign up for about two weeks and then we put the Potpourri sign up."

They didn't tell you that it was opened up in June of 1969 with the Potpourri sign. That's not what they said.

More important -- incidentally, this picture was taken May 24, 1969, submitted with the application in June of 1969 and the date is right on here.

What is interesting about the picture is look at the sign, Chez Joey, it is very big. And I suggest to you in a minute when we go and narrow the sign when the Potpourri sign went up, that Mr. Gugliaro, when he was in there, couldn't have missed it, although I also suggest to you that he knew where the Potpourri was, he knew what he was testifying about in 1971.

think we are getting close to the government putting its integrity at issue, he knew --

MISS MEIMAN: Preceded, I suggest to you,

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I believe --

THE COURT: You mean that Miss Neiman is putting her person belief --

MR. NEWMAN: Yes.

THE COURT: I don't think she means to.

Do you, Miss Neiman?

MISS HEIMAN: I certainly don't. I wasn't there.

MR. NEWMAN: I am sorry to interrupt.

THE COURT: That is all right. She is making an argument. Be sure to make that clear, Miss Neiman.

MISS MEIMAN: Yes, your Monor.

I was not there, neither was Mr. Newman.

Anything that I say to you is based on the argument and
based on the evidence and the testimony in this case and
nothing that I believe.

When this sign went up, you can be sure that "r. Gugliaro saw the sign Potpourri. It is rather large.

Now let's go back to the dates.

The witnesses who took the stand, the hat-check girl and the waitress, differed from Wr. Alpert and Mr. Weiss as to when the sign went up. Alpert and Weiss said they believed Labor Day; these witnesses, one of

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Again, although I suggest to you that you believe the testimony of Mr. Alpert or Mr. Weiss it doesn't matter whether this was Chez Joey or Potpourri, that if Mr. Sugliaro lied about not dealing with Mr. Weiss, about not knowing Mr. Alpert, he was obviously lying when

he said he never went to the Potpourri, that the application for renewal, which has to be submitted every year for wine license, 1970 and 1971, which was filed on January 14, 1970 with the name Potpourri, means that the sign went up, even by Mr. Mewman's own calculations, before this application was submitted, so the sign was clearly up there before January 14, 1970, which makes it January, February, March, April, May.

repeat the counts of the indictment, I think you know what they are. You know that Mr. Gugliaro denied ever meeting Ronnie Alpert and he denied ever meeting Murray Taylor and he denied ever meeting Michael Hellerman, that he denied discussing the Imperial Investment Corporation stock with Carmine Tramunti, John Dioguardi, Vincent Aloi, Erwin Layne, Phil Bonadonna, that he denied being at Gatsby's where the money was split up and talking about Mr. Maylor's taxes or anything else that went on in that discussion.

He admitted knowing Mr. Weiss from the purchase of lamps, but denied any other dealings with Mr. Weiss, and said he was never in the Potpourri at all and never saw Mr. Weiss.

I suggest to you that if the oath means any-

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thing, if the words "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God," means anything, I submit to you that you ought to find the defendant Vincent Gugliar guilty of violating that oath on all counts of the indictment.

I thank you for your attention.

gentlemen of the jury, I would like to give you my instructions and then have the marshals take you to lunch in a body and then when you come back from lunch in a lody you can begin your deliberations.

I just want to ask this question: Would any juror feel it better to take a few minutes' break now before I begin my instructions or shall we go right ahead?

Who wants a break?

All ight, Mr. Clerk, would you make the announcement.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-against-

VINCENT GUGLIARO.

73 CR 513

Defendant.

SIRS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the annexed affidavit of GUSTAVE H. NEWMAN, and upon the Exhibits and upon the indictment, the undersigned will move before the Hon. Inzer Wyatt, at the Courthouse, Foley Square, New York, New York, on a day and time to be set by the said Judge, for an order granting the following relief:

- 1. Dismissing the indictment on the grounds that it is barred by the principle of collateral estoppel;
- Dismissing the indictment on the grounds that it violates due process;
- 3. For such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and proper in the premises.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York August 6, 1973

Yours, etc.
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TO: HON. PAUL A. CURRAN United States Attorney Southern District UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES O. MERICA,

-against-

VINCENT GUGLIARO,

Indictment No. 73 CR 513

Defendant.

STATE OF NEW YORK) SS:

GUSTAVE H. NEWMAN, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am associated with EVSEROFF, NEWMAN & SONENSHINE, attorneys for the defendant. In such capacity I am fully familiar with all of the facts and circumstances herein. I make this affidavit in support of the instant motion which seeks dismissal of the indictment.

BACKGROUND

The defendant, VINCENT GUGLIARO, together with 15 other persons was indicted in this Court under Indictment No. 70 CR 967. The Indictment contained 55 Counts of what was commonly came to be called "Stock Fraud". The First count charged a conspiracy and the defendant was named in it. He was also named in a number of the substantive counts. The matter was tried in 1971, concluding in December, 1971, by Judge Lasker and a jury. For ease of reference we will refer to it as the "LASKER TRIAL". Not all of the defendants went to trial at that time, one pled guilty, and then was severed and became a government witness, and defendant Dioguardi and Frank were severed due to illness. The defendant herein, GUGLIARO, did stand trial. He was acquitted of all of the

substantive charges against him and the jury was "hung" on the conspiracy charge. He testified in his own behalf in that trial. The perjury indictment, which is the subject matter of this motion is based upon his testimony at the "LASKER TRIAL".

Thereafter in or about May or June of 1972, the defendant GUGLIARO together with 4 other defendants stood trial under the conspiracy count upon which the jury could not agree in the "LASKER TRIAL". This second trial was held before Judge Pierce of this Court and a jury. Tried together with the defendant GUGLIARO, were two defendants from the "LASKER TRIAL" who were also acquitted of the substantive counts but the jury could not agree on the conspiracy. In addition to them, two other defendants who were severed from the "LASKER TRIAL" due to illness, stood trial with them but upon the entire original indictment; this second trial before Judge Pierce will be referred to as the "PIERCE TRIAL' for ease of reference. The indictment upon which defendant GUGLIARO stood trial at the "PIERCE TRIAL" in so far as it pertains to him is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as EXHIBIT "A". The defendant GUGLIARO did not testify at the "PIERCE TRIAL". He was acquitted by the jury. Thereafter and more particularly in or about June 1, 1973, he was indicted on the current indictment which charges him with 7 Counts of perjury concerning his testimony at the "LASKER TRIAL". He has pled not guilty and the trial is scheduled for November, 1973.

THIS MOTION

This motion is made to dismiss the indictment on the general ground that the prosecution is collaterally estopped from trying this defendant by virtue of the acquittal at the "PIERCE TRIAL".

The current indictment as previously indicated contains 7 Counts of perjury.

The Counts may be summarized generally as follows:

Count 1. Did he talk to any of the people at the defense table including Ronnie Alpert about Imperial Stock.

Count 2. Did he first see government witness Murray Taylor in the court room.

Count 3. Did he have dealings with defendant Bernard Weiss other than in a lamp store.

Count 4. Did he ever see defendant Bernard Weiss or was he ever in Potpourri restaurant in Brooklyn.

Count 5. Did he ever meet one Michael Hellerman.

Count 6. Did he know Ronnie Alpert and did he ever hear anyone refer to Ronnie Alpert before indictment.

Count 7. Did he get \$10,000 from one Michael Hellerman. At the "PIERCE TRIAL", amongst other witnesses called by the prosecution were former co-defendants, Murray Taylor and Ronnie Alpert. The "PIERCE TRIAL", upon information and belief lasted at least 6 weeks. I am not personally privy to all of the testimony adduced at that trial. I have examined the testimony to the following extent. The direct and cross examination of the witness Ronnie Alpert, and the direct of the witness Murray Taylor. The cost of the balance of the record is prohibitive for this defense to obtain. Upon information and belief I believe that Taylor or Alpert are the key witnesses, if indeed not the only witnesses to testify about any actual involvement by the defendant GUGLIARO.

The case applicable to this motion are set forth in a separate memorandum.

The guiding principle seems to be did the prior trial of necessity ultimately decide the issues sought to be relitigated by the instant indictment. Of course basic to the current perjury indictment is the charge that the true facts are otherwise than the defendant testified in the "LASKER TRIAL". That is in short; as to Count 1: He talked to Alpert and the other defendants about Imperial Stock; as to Count 2: He saw the witness Murray Taylor prior to the Court appearances; as to Count 3: He had dealings with the co-defendant Weiss other than in the lamp store; Count 4: He met the defendant Weiss in the Potpourri Restaurant in Brooklyn; as to Count 5: He met Michael Hellerman; as to Count 6: He knew Ronnie Alpert and he heard people refer to him before the indictment; as to Count 7: He got \$10,000.00 from Michael Hellerman. Examination of the indictment tried in the "PIERCE TRIAL" clearly indicates that the only charge is conspiracy. Implicit in this charge of course is a combination between this defendant and other people. Amongst the people enumerated are Alpert, Taylor, Weiss and Hellerman. Further examination of that document indicates by virtue of the allegations of the means of carrying out the conspiracy and the overt acts alleged, that the 4 aforementioned are the keys to any alleged conspiracy. Therefore their role had to be clearly established and their connection if any to this defendant was vital. Indeed, the means of carrying out the alleged conspiracy set forth in subparagraph r on page 6 of Exhibit "A" allege a splitting up of profits amongst the defendant GUGLIARO and all of the 4 aforementioned co-defendants and others. Implicit in this allegation of course is a meeting between him and others.

Sub-paragraph t on page 7 of Exhibit "A" refers to a meeting between the defendant and 3 others, for the purpose of resolving disputes and to arrange the distribution of profits amongst the other defendants and co-conspirators. Implicit in this allegation is the allegation that this defendant knows all of the other defendants, and co-conspirators and resolves disputes between them and distributes profits amongst them. In addition to this overt act number 6 on page 7 of Exhibit "A" alleges that the defendant was at a certain location. The testimony at the Pierce trial, which will be dealt with later, indicates that there is a restaurant called Gatsby's at that location which was the alleged site of alleged conspiratorial meetings between this defendant and at least Hellerman and Taylor.

Beyond the mere allegations and issues framed by the pleadings; the testimony is even more telling. The government in your deponent's estimation sought to prove this defendant's involvement in the conspiracy, by the testimony of witnesses Taylor and Alpert.

I have taken the liberty of annexing hereto, the portions of the testimony of these witnesses as exhibits. The direct testimony of witness Taylor is annexed as Exhibit "B", the direct of the witness Alpert as Exhibit "C", and the cross of Alpert as Exhibit "D".

Examination of these exhibits indicate that testimony was elicited from these witnesses which specifically involves each

and every count of the instant indictment. The testimony purports to convey the government's contention of the true state of facts as to each charge of perjury in this indictment. The testimony adduced from these two witnesses on the subject are relevant in the Pierce trial to the issues. Indeed beyond the issue of relevancy, I suggest are vital to the government's case in that trial. This may in fact be the only evidence which in any way ties the defendant Gugliaro to the alleged conspiracy. It is the only evidence adduced at that trial to support the government's theory of the case against Gugliaro, that is that he attended meetings to resolve disputes and distributed money. We of course suggest that beyond this testimony profitable recourse might be had to the government's opening, final arguments and perhaps even the Court's instructions to the jury to support our theory.

In order to perhaps save the Court's time I have set forth a schedule of the Counts of the perjury indictment and the exhibit and page number of the testimony which covers it.

(NOTE: WE HAVE OMMITTED THE SCHEDULES ATTACHED AS TO ALL COUNTS EXCEPT THE REMAINING COUNT, NAMELY COUNT FOUR.)

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An analysis of this testimony clearly indicates that all the counts in the instant indictment were covered by that testimony that the testimony clearly indicates that the true state of facts

Lasker trial. Moreover the testimony sought to establish that Gugliaro knew the 4 named defendants and co-conspirators and met with them to iron out disputes and distributed money given him by Michael Hellerman. It does not strain the imagination to suggest that the jury verdict of not guilty had to determine vis-a-vis Gugliaro that all of that testimony was not believed and that in effect he had no such involvement. It therefore determined ultimately at least one basic required element of the government's current perjury indictment, that is that the facts that the government says are the true facts and were so known by Gugliaro when he testified were held not to be true by the Pierce trial jury. I submit it goes beyond that and can be said to sustain the Gugliaro testimony at the Lasker trial as true.

I recognize that I have moved basically on the theory of collateral estoppel. I feel however that I am compelled to submit for this Court's consideration the argument that the procedure followed by the government violates this defendant's rights for due process and equal treatment. It is to be remembered that this defendant testified in or about December 1971 in the Lasker trial. He faced a retrial in May 1972, the modified indictment at the Pierce trial could have very well contained Counts of perjury now alleged. The government, it is submitted, wants the best of 2 worlds. They do not want to mention at the Pierce trial the result in the Lasker trial. Thus, they do not include any counts of perjury against the defendant Gugliaro in the modified indictment. However, at the Pierce trial they produce evidence which is identical on both the issues of the stock fraud and the perjury. After the defendant is acquitted

on the stock fraud, then they take the very same evidence submit it to a new jury under the guise of a perjury indictment. In short, they take this defendant before jury after jury until they can obtain a conviction on basically the very same evidence and testimony.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that for all of the reasons advanced the indictment be dismissed.

Sworn to before me this day of August, 1973

GUSTAVE H. NEWMAN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

v.

No. 73 CR. 513

VINCENT GUGLIARO.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Defendant.

SIRS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the annexed affidavit of GUSTAVE H. NEWMAN, and upon the exhibits hereto annexed, the undersigned will move before the HONORABLE INZER B. WYATT, on a date and at a time set by said judge at the Courthouse, Foley Square, New York, New York, for an order pursuant to Rule 33, granting the following relief:

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- 1. Setting aside the verdict hereinbefore rendered, as to Count 4.
 - 2. Ordering a new trial.
- 3. For such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

Yours etc.,

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TO: HON. PAUL CURRAN
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Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
Foley Square
New York, New York 10007
Attention: Honorable Shirah Neiman
Assistant United States Attorney

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

v.

No. 73 CR 513

VINCENT GUGLIARO,

ATTORNEY'S AFFIDAVIT

Defendant.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

GUSTAVE H. NEWMAN, being duly sworn, deposes and cays:

I am the attorney for the defendant. In such capacity,
I am fully familiar with all the facts and circumstances herein.

I make this affidavit in support of the instant motion for a new trial.

BACKGROUND

The defendant was indicted in a seven count perjury indictment. He was tried and acquitted of six counts and convicted of the fourth count which reads as follows:

- Q. Did you ever see him (Weiss) in the Potpourri restaurant?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. Were you ever in that restaurant, Mr. Gugliaro?
- A. No.

During the course of the trial, the said BERNARD WEISS testified as a government witness. Commencing on page 87 of the trial transcript, he testified to a conversation he had with the defendant Gugliaro during the so-called "Imperial I" trial. This

emanated. Defense counsel called for a side bar, which was granted, and colloquoy ensued, which is contained on pages 88 and 89 of the trial record. The summary of this side bar conversation may be said to consist of a question as to when the witness began cooperating with the government. The prosecutor said she would get to it and it was not relevant to this question. The pages concerning that occurrence, namely pages 87 through and including 90, are hereto annexed and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A" collectively.

The prosecutor went on after the side bar to elicit the alleged conversation between the witness and the defendant Gugliaro during the "Imperial I" trial, relevant to Potpourri Restaurant being called Chez Joey. The material relevant to this is contained on the bottom of page 89 and the top of page 90.

The witness then went on to testify on direct examination; pages 91 and 92, that he began cooperating with the United States Attorney in October of 1972. These pages are hereto annexed and made a part hereof as Exhibit "B" collectively.

On cross-examination, the witness stated he started to discuss cooperation with the government in September of 1972. The relevant question and answer are contained on page 119 of the transcript, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "C".

During the jury deliberations, this same witness was testifying in another case across the hall. After his direct testimony and prior to his cross-examination, in that other trial, the prosecutor in that case offered to counsel another piece of

3500 material. The gist of same indicated that the witness had cooperated with government agencies in February of 1971. That is a date prior to the "Imperial I" trial and prior to the time of the aforementioned conversation he testified to with defendant Gugliaro, relevant to Potpourri and Chez Joey. I have not attached that document to this motion, at the request of the prosecutor, but ask the Court to treat it as Exhibit "D" of this motion; and will submit it under separate cover to the Court.

When your deponent became aware of this set of circumstances, he placed it on the record at bar. The Court, in words or substance, indicated it could not do anything about it at that time since the jury was deliberating.

The fact of the witness Weiss' earlier cooperation was made known and was part of the record in the other trial, which is entitled <u>United States v. Gugliamini Etal</u>. The pages of that transcript, relevant to the date of his cooperation, are hereto annexed and made a part hereof as Exhibit "E".

THIS MOTION

This motion is made to set aside the verdict and for a new trial.

The count of the indictment on which the defendant was convicted involves the defendant's testimony concerning his presence in the Potpourri Restaurant and whether he saw the witness Weiss there.

As the transcript indicates, the witness Weiss testified to the defendant's presence at the Potpourri. He also testified to the alleged conversation with the defendant during the "Imperial I" trial, in which the defendant allegedly alluded to

a position he would adopt, if witnesses were produced to contradict his testimony at the "Imperial I" trial. As it turned out, of course, the defendant's position at the trial was that the restaurant was known as the "Chez Joey", not as the Potpourri. Thus, the witness Weiss' testimony forecast the defense and sought to present this as a fabrication in advance of its assertion. As indicated by Exhibit "D", the witness Weiss commenced his cooperation with the F.B.I. in February of 1971, some months before the alleged conversation with Gugliaro during the "Imperial I" trial. The witness was thus a government informant while he sat at the defense table during the self-same trial.

Exhibit "D" indicates that the witness spoke to the F.B.I. on February 1, February 2, February 23, March 1, March 5, May 20, June 11, 1971. Weiss was apparently given an assignment to keep abreast of Alpert's desire to cooperate so that Alpert could be contacted. The assistant who prosecuted the Gugliamini case, to wit: Hon. Walter Higgens, received this report from the F.B.I. on September 23, 1973. It must therefore be presumed that his colleague, the prosecutor at bar, knew, should have known, or had available to her upon inquiry, the self-same information. Although your deponent was not privy to memoranda submitted to Judges Lasker and Stewart on the sentencing of Weiss, a certain remark by the prosecutor indicates that the dates of his earlier cooperation were contained in these memos. Certainly it is beyond controversy that Exhibit "D" is deliverable to the defendant as either 3500 material or under "Brady".

Rule 3500 in its relevant portion reads as follows:

"After a witness called by the United States has testified on direct examination, the Court shall, on motion of the defendant, order the United States to produce any statement (as hereinafter defined) of the witness in the possession of the United States which relates to the subject matter as to which the witness has testified; if the entire contents of any such statement relate to the subject matter of the testimony of the witness, the court shall order it to be delivered directly to the defendant for his examination and use."

Brady v. Maryland 83 S.Ct. 1194, requires the delivery of material favorable to the defense.

It is also deliverable under the precepts of <u>United</u>

<u>States v. Roviaro</u> 77 S.Ct. 623. In that case the Court stated at page 628:

"Where the disclosure of an informant's identity or the contents of his communication (emphasis supplied) is relevant and helpful to the defense of an accused or is essential to a fair determination of a cause, the privilege (secrecy) must give way."

(the word "secrecy" is supplied for clarity)

Certainly, it is beyond argument that this document and its contents would have been helpful to the defense. As will be later developed, it presented unlimited opportunities on cross-examination and beyond this, would bolster a contention of the defense that an earlier version of events given by the witness under oath were the truth and not what he testified to at the trial.

In addition to the failure to comply with Rule 3500 and the requirements of <u>Brady v Maryland</u> supra, there were other vices in this procedure. As previously indicated, the prosecution had to know of the earlier date of cooperation; thus, they were obligated to correct the record, so to speak. In <u>United States v. Lusterino</u> 450 F2d 572 (2nd Cir. 1971), the Court reversed a conviction for counterfeiting. The prosecution allowed

a witness who was cooperating with the government prior to his arrest and that of the defendant, to testify as if he were a bona-fide co-defendant. He also was allowed to testify to post-arrest conversations with the defendant including an alleged request by the defendant that the witness take the "weight" and he (the defendant) would support the witness' family. The Court held in reversing, that the prosecution had the true facts, and that although this type of subterfuge might have a place in investigating crime, it had no place in trials.

The Court stated on page 575:

"The prosecutor could not honestly permit Grillo's profession of guilt before the jury to go unchallenged and a verdict to rest upon it."

At bar, the prosecution could not permit Weiss' testimony that his cooperation began in October of 1972 to go unchallenged.

The <u>Lusterino</u> case (Supra) also dealt with the contention that no harm was done by allowing the informant to testify as he did. The prosecution contended it was harmless since Grillo's status as an informant was explored thoroughly on cross-examination. The Court rejected this argument, stating that even if the jury was sufficiently cynical to disbelieve the witness, nevertheless, the jury <u>may</u> (emphasis supplied) have given some weight to the witness' statement of guilt. Thus, the test was what the jury <u>may</u> have done. The Court went on to state on page 575:

"When the prosecution participates in allowing a false picture to be painted, it bears a heavy burden of showing that it could not have affected the verdict. It has not shown that here. A verdict based on such a deception must be set aside." It is submitted that the prosecution cannot meet the burden at bar, and beyond that, examination of the record at bar clearly indicates that the verdict was affected.

In United States v. Mele 462 Fd 918 (2nd Cir. 1972) a conviction for possession of narcotics was reversed. Madonia was arrested and gave information before the defendant was arrested. He did not testify at the trial about his informer role since that early date. He did testify about his post-arrest contacts with the defendant and his contacts with the defendant continued while both Madonia and Mele were defendants together at the trial. The government submitted 3500 material which did not reveal Madonia's role as an informant on the early date and which did not reveal that Madonia's car had been impounded at an earlier date. A post-trial ordered hearing revealed that the chief prosecutor knew of Madonia's informant status, and even if he did not know that Madonia's car was impounded, the narcotic agents knew this. Thus, the prosecution was held responsible for the knowledge of one other than the actual prosecutor, to wit: the chief prosecutor and the narcotic agents. At bar, the same rule must be applied for the reasons previously given; the knowledge of Assistant United States Attorney Higgins and also the prosecutor at bar was assisted by the F.B.I. in the prosecution of this case.

The Court stated that there must be a reversal even if the prosecution does not solicit the false testimony as long as they do not correct it when it appears.

The Court emphasized that the very least they required of the prosecution was that it completely reveal the true facts to the Court so that a balance of interest could be struck by

the Court; not by one involved in the competitive aspects of prosecution.

In ordering a new trial, Associate Justice Clark, sitting by designation in the Circuit, wrote for a panel consisting of himself, Judge Friendly and Judge Kaufman at page 924:

"Rule 33 does not require a new trial unless the newly discovered evidence will probably result in a different verdict or sentence for the defendant.

Due process, however requires that a different rule be applied when prosecutorial suppression has caused the evidence not to be presented at trial. At least where the suppression is deliberate the defendant need only show that the evidence is material and could in any reasonable likelihood have led to a different result."

The date of cooperation, and the withheld report were in the words of Mele (supra) material at bar, and clearly affected the defense. For example, the alleged conversation forecast the defense and cast suspicion upon it in advance of its submission. However, if the material had been delivered to counsel, it could have been established to the jury that the witness was already an informant at the time of the alleged conversation, yet he made no notes of it, no immediate report of it to the prosecutor, or the F.B.I. The report showed that he cooperated with the F.B.I. re Imperial in June of 1971 to the extent of relaying information concerning another defendant's action to allegedly manufacture a defense. Despite this, no statement concerning the alleged conversations with Gugliaro until after October 1972 were made, thus leaving it open to the suggestion of recent fabrication. Beyond this, it could have raised a question concerning the prosecution's factics having an informant Weiss sitting at the defense table in "Imperial I" with the other defendant. It is also to be remembered that Weiss testified

at the "Imperial I" trial in direct contradiction to his testimony at bar. Imagine if the jury was made aware that at the time he gave that testimony, he was a government informant and cooperating with them, they certainly could and probably would, infer that testimony was the truth. Beyond this, the jury could rightfully question the government's good faith in allowing their informant to testify at "Imperial I" without revealing his status and allegedly standing by while they claim he perjured himself at that trial. The possible uses on cross-examination are only limited by the imagination of the affiant. In short, it is submitted that this report was material and could in every likelihood have led to a different result.

The Mele case, (supra) relies on two Supreme Court cases, one of which is <u>Napue v. Illinois</u> 360 U.S. 264, 79 S.Ct. 1173 (1959). In this case, a co-defendant witness denied he received any promise of consideration in exchange for his testimony, the prosecution did nothing to correct this. The Court in reversing stated on page 1177:

"The principle that a State may not knowingly use false evidence, including false testimony, to obtain a tainted conviction, implicit in any concept of ordered liberty, does not cease to apply merely because the false testimony goes only to the credibility of the witness. The jury's estimate of the truthfulness and reliability of a given witness may well be determinative of guilt or innocence, and it is upon such subtle factors as the possible interest of the witness in testifying falsely that a defendant's life or liberty may depend. As stated by the New York Court of Appeals in a case very similar to this one, People v. Savvides, 1 N.Y.2d 554,557,154 N.Y.S. 2d 885,887, 136 N.E.2d 853, 854-855:

'It is of no consequence that the falsehood bore upon the witness' credibility rather than directly upon defendant's guilt. A lie is a lie, no matter what its subject, and, if it is in any way relevant to the case, the district attorney has the responsibility and duty to correct what he knows to be false and elicit the truth * * * That the district attorney's silence was not the result of guile or a desire to prejudice matters little, for its impact was the same, preventing, as it did, a trial that could in any real sense be termed fair.'

Second, we do not believe that the fact that the jury was apprised of other grounds for believing that the witness Hamer may have had an interest in testifying against petitioner turned what was otherwise a tainted trial into a fair one."

The second case relied upon was <u>Giglio v. United States</u>
92 S.Ct. 763. In this case a conviction was reversed where
the testifying co-conspirator denied any promise was made to
him; later on, an assistant indicated he had made a promise of
no prosecution. The Court stated at page 766:

"As long ago as Mooney v. Holohan (citation) this Court made clear that deliberate deception of a court and jurours by the presentation of known false evidence is incompatible with 'rudimentary demands of justice ...

"When the "reliability" of a given witness may well be determinative of guilt or innocence" non-disclosure of evidence affecting credibility falls within this general rule."

The Court went on to cite with approval the standard previously quoted in this affidavit, and taken from Napue v. Illinois (supra) to the effect that if there is any "reasonable likelihood" the judgment of the jury could have been affected, a new trial is required. In this same vein, Brady v. Maryland 83 S.Ct. 1194 held that suppression of material evidence requires a new trial irrespective of the good or bad faith of the prosecution. The withholding of evidence "favorable" to the accused was itself sufficient to amount to denial of due process.

The standards applicable to a motion for a new trial, as stated in the various Supreme Court cases such as Napue, Brady and Giglio, have been relied upon in various cases emanating from our Circuit.

Thus, in <u>Kyle v. United States</u> 297 F2d 507 (1961) in an appeal after a sentence was served, a hearing was ordered to determine whether missing letters were suppressed. The Court cited with approval the previously quoted language from Napue (supra) to wit: a lie is a lie no matter what its subject and if it is relevant in any way, the case must be reversed and not only must the administration of justice be above reproach, but it must be beyond the suspicion of reproach.

In <u>United States v Keogh</u> 391 F2d 138 (1968) a hearing was ordered concerning the withholding of an F.B.I. report and financial evaluation of a government witness. The Court also relied upon previously quoted language of Napue (supra) to the effect that intentional suppression and also "should have known" suppression mandates a new trial. They also restated the Brady (supra) position that good faith or bad faith of the prosecutor is of no moment, but if material is suppressed which is favorable to the accused, either on the issue of guilt or punishment, a new trial is required. The Court indicated a new trial was required even if suppression was not deliberate and no request made, but if hindsight showed the defense could have used the evidence in other than an insignificant way. This test, we submit, has been more than met at bar.

In <u>United States v. Kahn</u> 472 F2d 272 (1973) even though no relief was afforded on the facts of that case, the Court restated the principles of Giglio and Brady. The Court stated that if there is deliberate suppression, relief is required if

what was suppressed was material or favorable to the defense. Even if suppression is unintentional, if the material suppressed has apparent high value, relief is required. The test in both of the foregoing cases is the effect of its suppression on preparation for trial, not its effect on the jury's verdict. Even where the suppression is inadvertent and does not involve obviously high value evidence, the movant need not show probability of a different verdict; merely that there is a significant chance that this added item in the hands of skilled counsel, could have induced a reasonable doubt without intending to evaluate your affiant's ability. It is submitted that the material involved could have evidenced a reasonable doubt at bar.

A most recent case on the subject of suppression is
United States v Pacelli which appears in the slip opinion of
January 11, 1974 page 1347. The issue was the failure to produce a letter written by a government witness to the prosecutor.
The Circuit Court reversed the conviction and remanded the matter for a new trial. The Court did this even after accepting the government's assertion that the non-disclosures were inadvertent; held that a new trial had to be granted. One of the reasons they gave is that the letter involved contained a blatant lie.
At bar, the documents suppressed would tend to indicate that the witness' testimony as to the first date of his cooperation was a blatant lie. The decision in Pacelli might be best summed up in the following statement which is applicable at bar:

"Denial of the opportunity to use such forceful impeaching material bearing on the credibility of the government's key witness mandates a new trial."

It is submitted that on every applicable standard, relief is mandated at bar:

- a) there was suppression of material known
 to the United States Attorney's office;
- b) whether intentional or not, it is obviously material or of high value since it puts a lie to the prosecution witness on the key date of cooperation;
 - c) the bad or good faith is immaterial;
- d) the material is highly favorable to the defense;
- e) it effected the preparation and progress of the defense.

In addition to all of the foregoing, there are other infirmities to what transpired. Since Weiss was an informant prior to the alleged December 1971 conversation with Gugliaro, contrary to the side bar assurance of the prosecutor, the question of infiltration of Gugliaro's defense at the "Imperial I" trial, in violation of the Sixth Amendment, had legal viability.

Further, since the alleged conversation was post the "Imperial I" indictment, and Weiss was a government informant, Massiah v United States 84 S.Ct. 1199 would become operative.

(See also footnote page 574 <u>United States</u> v <u>Lusterino</u> (supra))

Whether we apply the test of

- a) Napue, that a lie is a lie and mandates a reversal; or
- b) Mele, that the prosecution must correct the record and cannot stand by and profit by it; or
- c) Keogh and others, that suppression,
 either knowingly or on a should have known

basis requires a new trial if merely material or favorable to the defense; or

- d) Brady and Rule 3500; or
- e) Massiah, post-indictment conversation with a defendant; or
- f) Kahn, a significant chance that added item could have produced a reasonable doubt,

a new trial is required at bar.

WHEREFORE, IT IS RESPECTFULLY PRAYED, that the motion be in all respects, granted.

GUSTAVE H. NEWMAN

Sworn to before me this day of February, 1974.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

No. 73 CR. 513

VINCENT GUGLIARO

On this 1st day of March, 1974, came the attorney for the government and the defendant appeared in person and by Gustave Newman, Esq.

It is Adjudged that the defendant upon his plea of not guilty, and a finding of guilty by a jury, has been convicted of the offense of after having duly taken an oath that he would testify truly, before a competent tribunal, did unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, and contrary to said oath, make false material declarations which he knew to be false.

(Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1623.)

as charged in count 4, and the court having asked the defendant whether he has anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced, and no sufficient cause to the contrary being shown or appearing to the Court,

It is Adjudged that the defendant is guilty as charged and convicted.

It is Adjudged that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative for imprisonment for a period of TWO (2) YEARS; on count 4, pursuant to Title 18, Section 3651, U.S. Code, on condition the defendant be confined in a jail or treatment type institution for THREE (3) MONTHS, the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment is suspended and the defendant is placed on probation for a period of TWO (2) YEARS, subject to the standing probation order of this Court, and fined \$3,000. Defendant is to stand committed until the fine is paid or he is otherwise discharged according to law. Fine is stayed pending appeal. Defendant is continued on bail pending appeal.

It is Ordered that the Clerk deliver a certified copy of this judgment and commitment to the United States Marshal or other qualified officer and that the copy serve as the commitment of the defendant.

| The Court recommends commitment to | UNITED | STATES | DISTRICT | JUDGE |
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendant.

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SIRS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that VINCENT GUGLIARO hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from a Judgment of Conviction entered against him by the HON. INZER B. WYATT on March 1, 1974, wherein the defendant was sentenced to three (3) months imprisonment, two (2) years probation and \$3,000 (three-thousand) dollars fine.

Dated: New York, New York March 1, 1974.

Vincent Gugliaro resides at: 1657 Ryder Street Brooklyn, New York

Yours Etc.,

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New York, New York

Service of three (3) copies of the within is hereby admitted this 22 day of And 1814

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